



WICHITA STATE
UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate Agenda

Faculty Senate Meeting – October 23, 2023

Approval of Minutes

October 9, 2023

Informal Statements

Nick Solomey – Academic Rules should apply to Athletic Programs (see following slides)

KBOR academic rules should apply to athletic programs

Kansas funds to the State Universities distributed by KBOR needs to be spent on viable programs. This should apply to athletics, so only athletic program that can meet two or more of the following four criteria should be kept:

- 1) Be able to pay for itself from ticket sales of events or TV/radio broadcast rights.
- 2) The athletes that the athletic program produces, 25% should go into Kansas professional sports teams.
- 3) Athletic students should make a salary in that sports of 2x poverty level after leaving the University.
- 4) Student attendance of each sports program for the year, where 25% of home game seats are for students and these must be occupied 50% or more since because if the student body has no interest in the event, then there is no reason to have the athletic program.

Some exceptions needed for equality rules:

I like going to baseball, attended 3 games in 2023 at Eck stadium: see picture.

The student attendance is low, and the seats are almost always empty, as seen in the picture.

Compared to Women's softball which has a large turnout and good student attendance. (yes, I went to one game with my youngest daughter)

Hence Women's softball would save the Men's baseball program for equality reasons.



Pause Sports Stadium Construction

- Many Universities that had major financial problems cite the collapses due to overspending in construction.
- I suggest the Faculty Senate ask the University to pause and reconsider the massive sports facility constructions planned.
- We should not over build and waist money we may later regret.
- Leaving Cessna Stadium as is and fix up the one remaining section of seating is more than enough for the next 10 or 20 years.



Concrete pillars for press box can be used to support the metal structure of tiered seating.

Presidents Report – Jolynn Dowling

- Stock the Shocker Support Locker – October 23 – November 10
 - Starts today – several drop off locations linked on agenda

Rules Committee – Mathew Muether (Chair)

Nominations approved to bring forward for Senate Confirmation

- Anil Mahapatro - Academic Affairs Committee - Engineering
- Academic Integrity Policy Hearing Pool
 - Engineering
 - Klaus Hoffmann
 - Adam Lynch

- Program Review – Provost Lefever
- Market-Based Compensation – Vicki Whisenant
- New Program Proposals:
 - Associate of Science (2nd read & Vote)
– Brian Bolin & Patricia Phillips
 - BBA in Hospitality (2nd read & Vote)
– Gery Markova & Gerald Graham



As May Arise

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Motion to Adjourn

- Next Senate Meeting
 - November 13, 2023

